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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In Re Application of:

WEINER et al.

Serial No.: 08/823,980

Art Unit: 1644

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Examiner: R. Schwadron

Title: CONSERVED MOTIF OF HEPATITIS C VIRUS E2/NS1 REGION

AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.111

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

This paper is responsive to the Office Action mailed May 31, 2001 (Paper #27), with a shortened statutory period of three months for response. Accordingly, an extension of time in which to respond is requested and the fee therefor accompanies this response. Reconsideration of the application in view of the following amendments and remarks is respectfully requested.

Accompanying Documents

The following documents accompany this response:

- (1) Copy of the currently pending claims, incorporating the amendments made herein; and
- (2) Marked-up version of the claims, showing the amendments made herein.